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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2003, at 10:30 a.m.

## Senate

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2003

The Senate met at 9:15 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, ADM Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, before the mountains were brought forth and the Earth was formed, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Thank You, Lord, for all that crowns life with beauty and blessedness, for books and music that inspire us, for family and friends who sustain us.

May we remember how fragile and temporary are our lives.

Teach us to number our days and to find our peace and stability in You.

Help us never to surrender to our worst, making it difficult for others to live at their best.

Use us, Lord, to build a more decent and humane world.

In Your strong name we pray. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CHAMBLISS). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2657, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2657) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Sessions amendment No. 1202, to eliminate the additional amount for programs under the National and Community Service Act of 1990.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there are now 15 minutes equally divided in the usual form on the Sessions amendment.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I note that in a few minutes the Senate will begin a series of three rollcall votes. With the completion of these three votes, the Senate will have passed two appropriations bills. The first of these votes will be on the Sessions AmeriCorps amendment. Following that vote, the Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 2657, the legislative branch appropriations bill, which will immediately be followed by a vote on passage of H.R. 2559, the military construction appropriations bill. The second and third votes in this series will be 10-minute votes. Therefore, Senators are encouraged to remain in the Chamber until all three votes have been completed. The majority leader will have more to say on the schedule following these votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, there are 15 minutes on the motion of the Senator from Alabama to strike. He will have 7½ minutes, and the other 7½ minutes will be under my control.

First, I would like to see if the distinguished Democratic whip would like to make some comments. I do have a motion to make.

Mr. REID. I am here for the motion by the Senator.

FURTHER MODIFICATION TO AMENDMENT NO. 1201

AMENDMENT NO. 1206, AS MODIFIED

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the modification I send to the desk to amendment No. 1201, offered by Senator REID and myself and Senator FEINSTEIN, previously agreed to, be modified pursuant to this amendment, and I ask unanimous consent that the following technical modification to amendment No. 1206, offered by myself and Senator LANDRIEU, be further modified by the language at the desk.

These amendments were modified on the floor, and last evening we discovered they had to be perfected, so I ask unanimous consent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The further modification to amendment No. 1201 is as follows:

On page 53, line 19, strike "\$36,000,000" and insert "\$61,000,000".

On page 53, line 20, insert before the colon the following:

"of which \$25,000,000 shall be available for emergency actions to reduce the threat to human safety in areas declared under a State of Emergency by the Governor of any State due to the danger of catastrophic fire from

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